

HB 419 -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SPONSOR: Peters

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires the Missouri Department of Corrections or its contracted vendors to purchase only beef or vegetable products grown or produced in Missouri if the cost of the beef or vegetable products grown or produced in Missouri is not greater than the cost of the beef or vegetable products grown or produced in another state, including transportation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this should improve the quality of food served at corrections centers, as this would cut down on transportation time.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Peters and the Missouri Cattlemens' Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say there is likely an opportunity for the state to save money by purchasing these products locally.

Testifying on the bill was Travis Case.